

REMARKS

Entry and consideration based on the instant Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested. In the Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been amended, claim 4 has been canceled and no new claims have been added. Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are pending in the application and are submitted for consideration by the examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached: Attachment A

Applicant has enclosed with this Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement and Preliminary Amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

ATTACHMENT A

Marked up version showing claim changes made in Amendment filed October 28, 2002

1. (Amended) A catalyst composition comprising:

a perovskite composite oxide of the type expressed by a rational formula ABO_3 ;

the rational formula ABO_3 is expressed by a formula $\text{A}'_{1-x}\text{A}''_x\text{B}'_{1-y}\text{B}''_y\text{O}_3$ [, and] ;

the A' is La or Ce or both of them, the A'' is at least one element selected from the

group consisting of La, Ca, Sm, Ce, Sr, Ba and Pr, the B' is at least one element selected from

the group consisting of Co, Fe, Mn and Gd, and the B'' is at least one element of noble

metals; and

the x is set in a range of $0.1 < x \leq 0.5$, and the y is set in a range of $0.05 < y \leq 1$.